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HOUSE BILL 378

46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2003

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AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES; PROVIDING FOR SPECIAL REGISTRATION  
PLATES FOR RETIRED NEW MEXICO LETTER CARRIERS; IMPOSING A FEE;  
MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. A new section of the Motor Vehicle Code is  
enacted to read:

" NEW MATERIAL REGISTRATION PLATES FOR RETIRED NEW MEXICO  
LETTER CARRIERS. --

A. The department shall issue special registration  
plates to a person who is a retired letter carrier from the  
United States postal service upon the submission by the person  
of proof satisfactory to the department that he is a retired  
letter carrier. Such proof shall include the submission of a  
signed consent form from a postmaster.

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1           B. A person shall not represent himself to be a  
2 retired letter carrier if that person is, in fact, not a  
3 retired letter carrier. The secretary shall determine what  
4 constitutes satisfactory proof that a person is a retired  
5 letter carrier from the United States postal service.

6           C. A person who violates the provisions of  
7 Subsection B of this section is guilty of a petty misdemeanor  
8 and shall be sentenced pursuant to Section 31-19-1 NMSA 1978.

9           D. A fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), which  
10 shall be in addition to the regular motor vehicle registration  
11 fee, shall be collected by the department for the original  
12 issuance of the special registration plate for retired letter  
13 carriers.

14           E. Ten dollars (\$10.00) of the fee collected  
15 pursuant to Subsection D of this section shall be retained by  
16 the department and is appropriated to the department to defray  
17 the cost of making and issuing special registration plates for  
18 retired letter carriers. The remaining fifteen dollars  
19 (\$15.00) shall be deposited in the motor vehicle suspense fund  
20 for distribution in accordance with Section 66-6-23 NMSA 1978.

21           F. The secretary shall approve the final plate  
22 design for the special registration plates for retired letter  
23 carriers in accordance with New Mexico law. The secretary  
24 shall approve and issue a separate and distinctive plate  
25 clearly marked as "retired letter carrier" for issuance to

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